



# **CIAC**

## **Asthma Coalition Interim Update**

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### **OUR COALITION IN ACTION**

#### **Essential Public Health Services Assessment**

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who participated in the November 16<sup>th</sup> Essential Public Health Services Assessment. The bravery needed to endure 4 hours of assessment and discussion is a feat of major dedication to the CIAC and I would like to say thank you once again. I appreciate you very much!

Once the final statewide report is ready, copies will be made available to everyone who participated as well as any coalition members who request one.

#### **American Lung Association**

The American Lung Association is very excited to be collaborating with BSU's nursing department on Open Airways for Schools. Nursing students are being paired with ten elementary schools in the Meridian district and will be teaching Open Airways this spring. Other asthma education occurring in the area includes an upcoming in-service for the school staff of Horseshoe Bend on Asthma Friendly Schools.

### **RESOURCES**

#### **Asthma Home Visit Program**

From the United States Environmental Protection Agency – Implementing an Asthma Home Visit Program: 10 Steps to Help Health Plans Get Started. This guide was developed with input from 7 health care organizations that offer asthma home visits as part of their asthma management programs. The document outlines the benefits to enrollees, implementation experiences and recommendations. The report can be downloaded at: [http://www.epa.gov/asthma/pdfs/implementing\\_an\\_asthma\\_home\\_visit\\_program.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/asthma/pdfs/implementing_an_asthma_home_visit_program.pdf)

#### **Air Quality Index**

Current Air Quality Reports can be found at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/air/aqindex.cfm?sitenum=1> To find the report for a particular area, select it on the drop down menu titled: Choose Current Air Quality Report.

#### **Early Care & Education Providers Information**

The California Childcare Health Program created an Asthma Information Packet to assist early care and education professionals to learn more about asthma and how to better care for children with asthma. The handbook, video and order form (free!) can be downloaded at [www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org](http://www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **February 21<sup>st</sup>:**

#### **Regular CIAC Meeting**

The next Coalition meeting will be back on our normal schedule with a meeting on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Lunch will be served, so please RSVP to Barb at 327-8547 so we can have an accurate lunch count.

#### **ALA Asthma Walk**

Because it takes money to fight asthma, the American Lung Association needs your help raising money during the ALA asthma walk. You can sign up as an individual walker or ask colleagues or friends to be on your walk team. Remember, the CIAC has committed to having a team – so lace up your walking shoes, do a few stretches and get ready to feel good about not only helping out an excellent organization, but also doing a healthy activity for yourself! The Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> walk at Veteran's Memorial Park raises money and awareness about asthma. Registration begins at 9:00 and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. The walk benefits over 140,000 Idahoans with asthma. The walk supports the Association's research and education efforts to help people control their asthma and to find the cause and a cure for this debilitating respiratory ailment.



#### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual High Desert Pulmonary Conference**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual High Desert Pulmonary Conference is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> in Boise. The conference will cover the pulmonary care for patients starting at home and continuing all the way to hospice care. More information and registration is available at [www.lungidaho.org](http://www.lungidaho.org)

### **ASTHMA EDUCATION**

Please contact Jenn Darling at 327-8591 with ideas for future asthma awareness events that you would like the coalition to pursue and/or be aware of. This includes grant opportunities, outreach/advocacy and community support – so, be creative and we'll see what we can do!